

SSN Visiting Scholar Program 2024 Guidelines and Application Criteria

The Deakin Science and Society Network (SSN) promotes interdisciplinary research that bridges STEM and HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) disciplines. We aim to support science-literate social research and socially-engaged science that makes an impact.

The SSN Visiting Scholar Program is designed to provide **one** emerging scholar engaged in exciting interdisciplinary research an opportunity to be hosted at any School, Strategic Research Centre or Institute of Deakin University for a period of **1-2 months**. Visiting Scholars should be engaged in research activities that align with one of the SSN's four research themes:

- Environmental Challenges
- Healthy Futures
- Indigenous Knowledges
- Data Cultures

Earliest commencement date: Jan 24, 2024; latest commencement date Nov 1, 2024.

See website for further details on research themes and theme leaders:

<https://scienceandsocietynetwork.deakin.edu.au/>

Program Aims

The scheme aims to be of benefit to the Visiting Scholar, SSN and Deakin more widely. It is designed to establish new collaborations and to make an important contribution to SSN's (and Deakin's) research culture. The visit should advance the Visiting Scholar's own research and increase opportunities for collaboration with Deakin researchers.

During their residency, the Visiting Scholar will lead or participate in activities, such as:

- Writing joint publications
- Developing collaborative grant applications
- Organising and presenting research seminars
- Organising and presenting workshops for PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
- Developing links with relevant industry, government and/or international partners

Funding

The Visiting Scholar will receive complimentary accommodation at the Deakin Burwood residential facilities, travel funding up to AUD\$1,000, and are eligible for a stipend of AUD\$600 a month.

Application process

*To be eligible, applicants must have **either** submitted their PhD for examination prior to the application closing date, **or** had their PhD conferred within the last 18 months prior to the application closing date (that is, PhD conferred March 2022 or later).*

Interested scholars should, in the first instance, contact a scholar at Deakin whose work is aligned with that of the applicant, with a request to host their stay and support their application. Applicants will be hosted within a School or SRC, and all applications require the support of relevant Heads of Budget centre (School/SRC/Institute).

With the support of a host and School/SRC, the applicant should then complete an application form and submit with:

- **A one-page CV of the host and,**
- **A one-page CV of the proposed Visiting Scholar**

Document should be sent as a **single pdf** to ssn-info@deakin.edu.au with subject title 'Visiting Scholar Program: *Surname of host.*'

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The extent to which the research program of the Applicant is interdisciplinary, innovative, and aligned with one or more SSN Themes
- The Applicant's track record of publications, collaboration, and active contribution to academic life as a student and ECR
- Existing links with Deakin academics or the potential for such links
- The potential for the proposed research and associated activities to enrich the SSN and Deakin research environment

Deadline for applications: 18 September 2023

Successful applicants will be notified by 16 October 2023.

For further information or enquiries, please contact ssn-info@deakin.edu.au.